

I am the President of a small not-for-profit agency that provides housing and health care services for persons in the acute stage of AIDS. I am writing to express my concern with the pending FCC decision regarding the "Do not Fax" rules. As I understand the new proposal we will need to obtain express written permission from anyone on our Board or membership list before we can legally contact them by fax to attend a workshop or seek their assistance with funding. I understand the desire to reduce broadcast faxing to persons unaffiliated with an organization; however, limiting faxing to persons who are affiliated with an organization appears ridiculous. We would not be privy to their fax number if they had not already provided it to us. I'm sure our members knew that we wanted their fax number so that we could, in fact, fax something to them.

I believe, at a minimum, not for profit organizations should be exempt from these regulations that are probably targeted to address problems created in the for-profit sector. It seems to me that the regulations unnecessarily restrict communications between organizations and persons who already have an affiliation.

I hope these regulations are not implemented as currently drafted; please don't add unnecessary costs to not-for-profit organizations that are already under significant cost pressures.

Thank you.